

## In Memoriam

### Bernd Lewkowitz

1931-2017



*On behalf of Ron Lewkowitz, RSL President:*

It is with a heavy heart that we announce our founder, Bernd Lewkowitz, 86 of Margate, NJ, passed away peacefully on 11/08/17 surrounded by his loving family from Barbados and New Jersey.

Bernd was a wonderful husband to his loving wife Hilde, who met on a transatlantic ship from Europe to NYC in 1955. By the time they reached New York, they were engaged and 62 years of devoted marriage followed. He cherished her and brought her flowers every Friday.

He was a natural leader. In his 20's he became the patriarch of his family and his mother, sisters, brothers, and later his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews counted on him for advice and loving support.

Bernd was a successful entrepreneur, founding RSL, Signature Door and Champion Injection Molding, which



continue to thrive today. He dedicated a vast amount of time and energy to make his companies successful without forsaking his family obligations. He created businesses that were loyal and supportive like a family.

He had refined tastes which reflected in his love of cars, clothing and classical music. No one ever cared for a car as carefully as he did. He would dress impeccably and would never consider taking a flight without dressing in a jacket and tie. People admired his refined and distinctive nature. He was both a gentle man and a gentleman.

The word that best defined Bernd was "integrity". He led his life with an extraordinary ethical standard and taught us all, by example, how to lead a principled life. He will be greatly missed.

## Quality Awards

There are many outstanding employees at Champion and RSL that deserve our praise and thanks. In this newsletter we would like to recognize the following individuals and give them a \$50 gift card as a token of our appreciation.

### Ryan Rigsby - Champion Injection

Ryan started on 02/06/17 and though Ryan hasn't been with the company for a long time, his character speaks for itself. He has excellent attendance and a willingness to learn. He assists his foreman and co-workers in any way he can. Ryan is a great asset to the company and we are lucky to have him!

### Doug Lark- RSL Ohio

Doug started with RSL on 09/22/14 as a production worker. He demonstrated reliability, dedication and willingness to learn and was moved to the warehouse with added responsibilities. He fills in for

the Warehouse Manager when needed and maintains a productive atmosphere. Doug has shown considerable growth, is a team player and is well liked by management and his co-workers.

### Luis Cruz- RSL Fernwood

Luis was hired on 04/11/16 as a Hurricane Impact Production Worker. He quickly displayed organizational skills and was moved to the GBG room where he has made a big difference in organizing the muntins and Blinds while working independently.

### Melinda Decker - RSL Corporate

Melinda has been with RSL for over 10 years. She works in our corporate office and is an integral part of our customer service team. She is extremely dedicated and dependable. Melinda is well liked by customers and coworkers. We appreciate her easy going personality and her can-do attitude!

# Fishing for Inspiration

WITH LORIE FISCHER

Lorie Fischer from RSL's corporate headquarters in New Jersey emails weekly inspirational quotes. If you would like to be added to her distribution list email her at [lfischer@rslinc.com](mailto:lfischer@rslinc.com).



- "I have not failed. I've found 10,000 ways that it won't work." ~ Thomas Edison
- "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right." ~ Henry Ford
- "The secret to getting ahead is getting started." ~ Mark Twain
- "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." ~ Albert Einstein
- "Be bold and courageous. When you look back on life, you'll regret the things that you didn't do more than the ones that you did." ~ An 80 year old man
- "You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have." ~ Bob Marley
- "The only time that you should be looking down at someone is when your helping them up." ~ unknown
- "The best way to predict your future is to create it." ~ Abraham Lincoln
- "You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them." ~ Michael Jordan
- "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill
- "Well done is better than well said." ~ Benjamin Franklin
- "The discipline of writing something down is the first step toward making it happen." ~ Lee Iacocca
- "Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears." ~ John Lennon
- "When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around." ~ Willie Nelson
- "If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough." ~ Muhammad Ali
- "If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not people or objects." ~ Albert Einstein
- "Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me." ~ Carol Burnett
- "Don't count the days. Make the days count." ~ Muhammad Ali

## Congratulations!



Dean and Tammy Gmucks welcomed their third grandchild Denver on 10/05/17!

Reginald and Shirley Allen were wed on 11/03/17!

Quaran Warfield and Marshon McCollum got engaged in March!

WINTER/SPRING 2018

# Happy Birthday!!



## JANUARY

- Todd Trivelli - 01/17
- Frank Watson - 01/21
- William Willis - 01/22
- Victoria Croal - 01/24
- Ryan Rigsby-01/24
- Adam McMahon - 01/26
- Chan Jordan - 01/30

## FEBRUARY

- Lashawn Bobbitt - 02/01
- Joshua Faison - 02/12
- Aaron McMahon-02/15
- Bo Campbell- 02/18
- David Gonder - 02/18
- Mark Munyon - 02/25
- Sharon Mendick - 02/28

## MARCH

- Jamell Keeney - 03/07
- Heather O'Shea-Botbyl-03/09
- Conor Fleming - 03/10
- Trenton Bocsa - 03/18
- Wendell Milliner- 03/22

## APRIL

- Marshon McCollum - 04/08
- Kevin Dennis - 04/15
- Hoang Nguyen - 04/29

## MAY

- Cathy Mort - 05/01
- Jared Lemaster - 05/06
- Malcolm Gilliam - 05/08
- Patricia Eigenmann - 05/14
- Anthony Tyma Sr. - 05/20
- Reed Mitchel-05/20
- Sharon Oran - 05/24
- Patricia Martin - 05/27

## JUNE

- Dylan Coz - 06/06
- Israel Castro - 06/06
- David Perez - 06/08
- Hilde Lewkowitz - 06/14
- Christopher Vingle - 06/16
- Tobi Parker - 06/17
- Daniela Filipova - 06/18
- Louise Martin - 06/21
- Guillermo Cruz - 06/25